

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TOKYO 14548 141045Z

10

ACTION IO-10

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 OIC-02 ACDA-05 AF-06 ARA-06

EUR-12 NEA-10 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 /105 W

----- 095551

P R 140947Z OCT 75

FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4015

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY RANGOON

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 14548

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PFOR UNGA KS KN JA

SUBJ: KOREA QUESTION IN UN

REF: STATE 241597 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: MOFA BELIEVES THAT IT IS UNLIKELY HOSTILE KOREA RESOLUTION CAN BE DEFEATED, AND THAT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION COULD LOSE. SUCH A SITUATION WOULD CREATE MAJOR DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES FOR GOJ. HENCE FONOFF BELIEVES THAT GOJ SHOULD SEEK TO MAXIMIZE ASIAN STATES' SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND TAKE CARE THAT THEY NOT DRIVEN TOWARD OTHER CAMP BY TOO MUCH ARM TWISTING. END SUMMARY.

1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTTEL, POLCOUNS (IN ABSENCE CHARGE, WHO IN OKINAWA FOR "AMERICA DAY") OCT 14 REITERATED NEED FOR FULL JAPANESE SUPPORT OF EFFORT TO DEFEAT HOSTILE KOREA RESOLUTION, ESPECIALLY

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TOKYO 14548 141045Z

IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, TO MOFA UN BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWA. DEMARCHE

FOLLOWED OUTLINES ASST. SECY HABIB'S PRESENTATION TO MINISTER NISHIDA OCTOBER 9, STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF STAKE IN OUTCOME TO BOTH US AND JAPAN.

2. OKAWA RESPONDED THAT IN FONOFF'S VIEW THE CENTRAL PROBLEM IS NOT DEFEATING HOSTILE RESOLUTION BUT INSURING PASSAGE OF FRIENDLY ONE. FONOFF BELIEVES FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IS IN JEOPARDY, WHILE IT IS "FRANKLY UNLIKELY" THAT HOSTILE RESOLUTION CAN BE DEFEATED. REPORTING FROM POSTS, AS WELL AS NEW YORK, INDICATES TO FONOFF A PROBABLE VOTE ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION (AS OF OCTOBER 11) OF 53 FOR, 52 AGAINST, 35 ABSTENTIONS AND 2 ABSENCES. THE CORE GROUP PREDICTION OF OCTOBER 3 (54-46-41-1) FONOFF CONSIDERS A BEST CASE, AND THE FONOFF'S WORST CASE PREDICTION IS A 46-56 DEFEAT.

3. JAPANESE NOSE COUNT, OKAWA EXPLAINED, INDICATES DIFFERENT APPROACH TO HANDLING ASEAN STATES, WHICH STILL ARE GROPING FOR NEW POST-INDOCHINA PATH. FONOFF FEARS THAT SPURING WELL-INTENTIONED ASEAN EFFORTS TOWARD COMPROMISE TEXT AND PRESSURING THEM ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION RUNS HIGH RISK OF SOURING THEM ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. GOJ, OKAWA ADDED, HAS HAD SOME INDICATIONS ASEAN REPS IN NEW YORK SOMEWHAT MIFFED AT USG FOR LACK OF DETAILED CONSULTATION WITH THEM IN FORMULATING FRIENDLY TACTICS AND FOR BYPASSING THEM TO ARGUE AGAINST ASEAN DRAFT IN THEIR CAPITALS.

4. OKAWA REITERATED JAPANESE BELIEF THAT ASEAN DRAFT "MIGHT BE USEFUL" IN EVENT BOTH RESOLUTIONS PASS FIRST COMMITTEE. FOR EXAMPLE, HOWEVER IMPERFECT IT IS NOW, IT MIGHT SERVE AS POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR FRAMING AMENDMENTS TO HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

5. INCLUSION, OKAWA EXPRESSED VIEW THAT WHILE GOJ POLITICIANS COULD MANAGE SITUATION WHERE BOTH DRAFTS WERE PASSED, PASSAGE OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION ONLY WOULD MAKE THINGS VERY TOUGH FOR GOJ IN THE DIET. HE SAID HE THOUGHT KOREANS ALSO SAW PASSAGE OF BOTH RESOLUTIONS TOLERABLE IN CONSEQUENCES FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION, BUT PASSAGE OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION ONLY INTOLERABLE.

6. OKAWA AGREED GOJ SHOULD APPROACH AUSTRALIANS AGAIN; THEY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 TOKYO 14548 141045Z

WILL BE DOING THAT "SOON." HE SAID JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN RANGOON HAS BEEN BANGING AWAY AT BURMESE TO LITTLE AVAIL, AND THAT IT LOOKS AS IF SRI LANKA AND ZAIRE WILL ABSTAIN THROUGHOUT. FONOFF HAS BEEN TOLD BY ROK THAT THE AFGHANS WILL ABSTAIN ON THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, AND POSSIBLY ON BOTH. INDONESIAN UN AMBASSADOR SANI HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR SAITO IN NEW YORK THAT HE FINDS HOSTILE RESOLUTION MORE LOGICAL AND HE PERSONALLY WOULD VOTE AGAINST FRIENDLY RES, BUT THAT

INDONESIA WILL ABSTAIN ON SUBSTANCE AND PROBABLY VOTE AGAINST
BID TO REVERSE PRIORITIES AS FAVOR TO JAPAN.
SHOESMITH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: UNGA RESOLUTIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, MEETING VOTING RECORDS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 OCT 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975TOKYO14548
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X3
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750355-0705
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751057/aaaabzfc.tel
Line Count: 118
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 241597
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <08 JUL 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <12 NOV 2003 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: KOREA QUESTION IN UN
TAGS: PFOR, KS, KN, JA, UNGA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006